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Judge Wallace and the Synod.
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Editor Intelligencer,

My dear Sir:
I herewith send you a certified copy of a letter adopted by the Synod of Missouri during its recent session in Columbia. A letter altogether similar, having only necessary verbal changes, was addressed to Mr. E. J. Moore, State Superintendent of the Missouri Anti-Saloon League, in which the Synod declined to appoint trustees of that League. It thus appears that the Synod, while it testified in regard to the evils of the liquor traffic, made no deliverance for or against prohibition, for or against the abolition of saloons, for or against the proposition to submit to the voters of the State the question whether or not there should be an amendment to the constitution of the State prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors: all on the ground that the Synod had no authority from Jesus Christ or from its own constitution to make any such deliverance.

Yours respectfully,
E. C. Gordon.

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 28, 1909.
Hon. W. H. Wallace, President,
Constitutional Amendment Association of Missouri.

Dear Sir:

The Synod of Missouri of the Presbyterian Church in the United States heard this morning your eloquent and able address on behalf of the objects proposed to be accomplished by the association you represent, and also the request which was expressed or implied in that address. In reply the Synod begs leave to assure you and those whom you represent that the members of this Synod and their constituents recognize with painful emotions the great evils incident to and consequent upon the traffic in intoxicating liquors as it is now carried on in our State and Country. Moreover we desire to assure you and all the interests you represent that we and our people desire to co-operate and will co-operate as individual Christian citizens in doing everything in our power to mitigate, and if possible abolish the evils of this dreadful traffic in intoxicants.

At the same time we are constrained to say that this Synod, sitting as a court of Jesus Christ, has no authority to dictate or to recommend to the people of the State of Missouri what amendments should be made to the Constitution of the State; nor the manner in which any proposed amendment to that Constitution should be secured.

Praying God's blessing on you and all others engaged in the suppression of evil, in ways in accord with God's revealed will, we are

The Synod of Missouri of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Attest: Frank Mitchell, Stated Clerk.

Hoffman-Kist.

Mr. E. W. Hoffman, Sr., of this city and Mrs. Amelia Kist of Kansas City were married at the home of Joseph Kist, 4421 Euclid avenue, Kansas City, Sunday evening by the Rev. Mr. Sauer. The wedding was a very private and quiet one and came as a great surprise to the many friends and most of the relatives of the contracting parties in this city.

Mr. Hoffman is one of Lexington's most prominent business men and for a number of years has been the head of the Lexington Brewing Company. He is held

in high esteem and respect by a large circle of friends in this county. The lady of his choice lived in Lexington for a number of years and has scores of intimate friends and relatives here.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman left for a week's visit with relatives in Illinois. A most cordial welcome awaits them on their return to Lexington.

Death of Mrs. J. A. Long.

Mrs. Mary Black Long, wife of J. A. Long, died October 27 at Columbus, Missouri, the home of her childhood. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Black of Columbus and a daughter-in-law of Killian Long of near Lexington.

The going out of this life was peculiarly sad. Mrs. Long had come from her home in Texas to visit her mother, when she was taken ill and passed away before her husband could reach her. In 1902 Mrs. Long taught the Maple Glen school and it was here that Mr. Long first met her. Her lovely traits of character deeply attracted him, and after a happy courtship they were married May 30, 1904. They made Texas their home and theirs was a happy life until the unwelcome guest came and claimed its queen.

Mrs. Long gave the childhood and young womanhood of her life to the service of her Master. In the early days of her life she cast her lot with the Cumberland Presbyterian church; but at her marriage, she united with the church of her husband—the Catholic. She was a devout Christian and devoted much time to her religious duties up to the time of her death. She was a most generous and unselfish woman thinking more of the comfort and happiness of others than of her own. How lonely will be the home for the young husband without her who had been his joy so long.

But the Heavenly Father knows what is best and all must bow in submission to His will. The father and mother and bereaved husband have the tenderest sympathy of all their acquaintances.

Funeral services were held in the Columbus Presbyterian church October 29, conducted by Father Odersall of Warrensburg.

The case of W. J. Walton vs. the estate of James Grant, deceased, which was to have come up in the probate court this week, was compromised, Mr. Walton receiving \$150.

Arnold Simmons, who has been on tour with the Requa Comedy Company and got as far west as Salt Lake City, returned home Wednesday evening.

Lynn Gordon was in Concordia on business Thursday.

Gustav Haerle was in Kansas City Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Roach and children, Thomas and Nellie, went to Kansas City Thursday for a short visit.

Mrs. E. S. Moorman went to Kansas City Wednesday evening for a short stay.

Mrs. Joseph Silver returned to her home in Kansas City Wednesday evening after a short visit with relatives.

Mrs. Claude Price spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Flournoy went to Sedalia Wednesday evening.

Miss Annie Wood Eggleston returned Wednesday evening from a short visit in Kansas City.

Dr. J. L. Peak and sister, Miss May, were in Kansas City Thursday.

Mayview Notes.

Dock Vandiver of Higginsville cried the sale of western horses last Saturday at the stock yards.

Dr. Sparrow of Moberly was here last Saturday. He was in the capacity of Woodman Inspector.

James Winn, who at one time in his life received his mail at Dover, but now of Lexington was here last Wednesday. After we had exchanged greetings he said he "was killing two birds with one stone." He was selling groceries to the trade and took time to tell his friends that he was a coming campaigner.

Mrs. Oliver Whitsett of Odessa visited with her daughter Mrs. Hugh Smith, this week.

Charles Simpson returned from his St. Charles visit last Thursday. He said he was treated good and had plenty of everything good to eat.

J. T. Everton of Peculiar, Cass County was here on business last Friday.

Rev. Quin Morton came up from St. Louis last week to be at the bedside of Chat Lankford, his father-in-law.

J. H. Knipmeyer and wife of Higginsville was the guest of Mrs. Mrs. Altmanberger last Friday.

J. T. Siler and daughter, Miss Mamie, returned from their trip to Virginia last Saturday. He wanted to see the old home once more. He said he had a pleasant time.

Mrs. Annie Parrent of Higginsville visited in the neighborhood last week.

The boys were a little nervous on Halloween night. So as to right their pent up feelings they played a few harmless jokes and tricks upon some of our staid citizens. James Ramey found his road cart on top of the Monroe building, G. H. Plattenburg found his hand cart near the bank. Barrels of salt were rolled out into the streets, boxes and wheels used for display purposes in front of the stores. It is all right boys. We used to do the same things when we were boys and thought it great fun. The line must always be drawn when it comes to destroying property.

Miss Sevilla Williamson was home from her school in Lexington last Saturday and Sunday. Misses Mabelle Greene and Nannie Smith went over and spent the time with her. To say that they had a pleasant time and enjoyed every minute of their stay hardly expresses it.

Paul Proctor came down from Kansas City last week to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bullard.

Arch Kelley transacted business here last Tuesday.

Miss Virgie Belles went to Higginsville last Tuesday to visit friends.

Thos. Bryant went to Kansas City last Tuesday to meet his mother.

Wm. H. Powell of Hungry Hill was giving the glad hand to many of his friends here last Tuesday.

Mrs. Bettie Benning is very low and not expected to live at this writing (Wednesday). We hope that a change may come and that she may be able to be a comfort to her children and friends many days to come.

Miss Null of Higginsville is visiting Miss Emma Schaechter this week.

Miss Agnes Wilson returned Monday from a short visit in Independence.

Misses Maud and Nancy Wright were in Waterloo Sunday

County Court.

The county court met Monday with Judges Hagood, Klingenberg and Thomas present.

John Walker, county surveyor, filed report in the matter of road near Arnsmeysers, Washington township, and report of a new bridge in Sni-a-bar township near Cal Edwards and a bridge in road near J. C. Martins.

The contract of L. N. Vance for putting in sewerpipe, culvert and repairing another culvert known as the Robt. Howe fill in Sec. 19, Township 50 and Range 27, was approved by the court.

Court ordered that Jas. Callaway, road overseer of road district No. 33, be allowed \$33.00 for cutting down hill in sec. 19, township 50, range 27.

Court ordered county clerk to notify each roadoverseer to turn in to the county collector all delinquent poll tax payers.

Court ordered that Julius Kandel, Charlotte Lawson and Eli Bonner, poor persons be allowed \$4 a month for their support.

Court ordered that C. A. Keith, prosecuting attorney, notify Wm. Harmon to open road in controversy in Sec. 23, Township 49, Range 24.

T. H. Campbell, et al filed petition for a new road and same continued until the third day of this session.

The State Auditor was by the court requested to draw warrant in favor of Chas. Hoefler, Jr., Co. treasurer, for the amount of salary due county superintendent of schools.

Tuesday the court drew the following jury for the December term of the circuit court:

Freedom Township: H. H. Borgstadt, Gus. Deke, Otto Evert.

Middleton: E. Brackman, John H. Dierker, William Schreiman.

Dover: George W. Hall, George B. Lyons, Oliver Martin.

Clay: R. S. Colvin, S. N. Godley, John Kirkpatrick.

Davis: George Vandiver, G. A. Hoefler, Charles Tyler.

Sni-a-bar: T. A. Webb, G. L. Hudson, B. L. Groom.

Washington: Sam Yancey, C. E. Osborn, J. S. Vickers.

Lexington: John Shusher, M. H. Uphaus, Jackson Bradley.

Fred Bates et al. presented a petition to the court asking the submission of a road district proposition to the voters living in a section eight miles square around Lexington.

The court Wednesday gave J. L. Ashurst an extension of 30 days for the completion of the Davis creek ditch and ordered a warrant drawn in his favor for \$1,489.22, as part payment.

W. B. Bray was ordered to go ahead with the road work in district 12 to the amount of \$25.00.

The court granted the petition of Ferd Bates et al. for the special road district election and set November 27 as the date for it.

The matter of petition of Cal Edwards et al. for new road in Secs. 32 and 33, Twp. 48 Ran 28, was continued until the December term.

Judge Klingenberg, Prosecuting Attorney Keith and County Clerk Glascock were ordered to go to Laclede, Douglas and Camden counties to see what profitable disposition could be made of the school lands in those counties belonging to Lafayette county.

Judge Thomas was ordered to notify Messrs. Powell and Arensmeyer to move back their fences five feet in Sec. 8, Twp. 49 Ran. 27, according to a report of John Walker, county surveyor.

T. D. Williamson was authorized to build a culvert in Sec. 35,

Twp. 50, Ran. 27.

The application made by the objectors in the matter of drainage ditch petition of V. T. Shamel et al. for a jury was overruled.

The following judges were announced for the special election on November 27:

Old Town: J. Martin Owens.

Henry Offel, Ed. M. Downs.

Court House: T. C. Sawyer, J. G. Russell, James Kirschner.

City Hall: Dan Sherman, W. W. Russell, Young Ewing.

Court adjourned yesterday till the December term.

Geo. M. Catron's Sale.

The horse sale of George M. Catron took place at his farm southeast of Lexington as announced, on Monday, November 1. On account of the bad weather the attendance was small; but a good many sales were very satisfactory and on the whole the sale was successful. The horses in the sale were the best bred lot ever offered at once in this vicinity and had the weather been propitious an enormous crowd would have attended. On account of the slim attendance some buyers were lucky in picking up fine bargains. W. V. Curtis was the clerk and Cols. Sparks and Chinn were the auctioneers.

The animals passed under the hammer as follows:

Kalpe, by Rustie B., \$22 1/4, to J. W. Payne, Mayview, \$210.00.

Kalpe's colt, by Ashbrook, to Wm. Hackley, Higginsville, \$80.00.

lanca, by Conflict, to John W. White, Lexington, \$100.00.

lanca's filly colt, by Ashbrook, to E. O. Buck, Waverly, \$147.50.

Merula's stud colt, by Ashbrook, to Pack Beamer, Mayview, \$100.

Fannie Keene, by Elsmont, to F. C. Kroll, Winton, \$150.00.

Kalla's colt, by Ashbrook, to J. Schaal, Sr., Lexington, \$75.00.

Kolima B's colt, by Ashbrook, to Willie Hackley, Higginsville, \$100.00.

Katena G. by Alligon, to B. F. Ridge, Higginsville, \$100.00.

Eureka C., by Rustie B., to Perry Smith, Pittsville, \$155.00.

Eureka C's colt, by Ashbrook, to John Lankford, Lexington, \$100.00.

Ronie L. by Ashbrook, to B. F. Ridge, Higginsville, \$170.00.

Krnet, by Ashbrook, to Bob Barnett, Lexington, \$225.00.

Radium, by Swinx, to B. F. Ridge, Higginsville, \$129.00.

Arline Burden, by Ashbrook, to W. Waddell, Lexington, \$130.00.

Annie Shelton, by Ashbrook, to Dennis Buck, Waverly, \$127.50.

Gladys Winn, by Ashbrook, to E. O. Buck, Waverly, \$190.00.

Keys, by Ashbrook, to W. Waddell, Lexington, \$100.00.

Chestnut Gelding, by Ashbrook, to Jas. Catron, \$130.00.

Obertas, by Ashbrook, to L. F. Wilson, Folsom, N. M., \$102.50.

Roberts Eligible.

It was announced at Columbia Wednesday that P. Roberts, of this city had become eligible for the football team, having passed his special examinations Monday. Roberts was full back on the '06 and '07 teams and is considered one of the best players that ever wore a Missouri uniform. He is in excellent physical condition, as he has been practicing all the season. He will probably be used at end.

This will make two Lafayette county men on the team, as Thatcher, a tackle, hails from Odessa.

Mrs. C. A. Keith and daughters Misses Nadine and Aileen, were in Kansas City Monday.

BIG RIVER IMPROVEMENT

The Dike Opposite Lexington Is a Large Undertaking.

Few people in Lexington have anything like a definite idea of what the government is having constructed on the other side of the river. It is generally supposed that the object of the dike is to change the course of the river so as to cut off a large portion of the sand bar north of Lexington. But, while the dike will cause the removal of a large part of the bar, its main purpose will be to check the ravages of the river on the valuable Ray county farms which have been crumbling acre by acre into the old stream.

That this result will be accomplished no one who gets a close view of the operations will for a moment doubt.

The work is being done by A. W. Farney and his son Edgar D. Farney has active charge of the construction. Charles Martin, representing the government, is the inspector. He is doing his work most thoroughly, too.

Mr. Farney has on this job about forty men. They are divided into crews. One outfit handles the pile driver, another the rocks, another the teams, another the willow matting, while a crew of seven runs the steamboat G. W. Lyon, Billy Young captain.

The supporting part of the dike is the piling. There is a column of piles three abreast. Around these and extending from forty to sixty feet into the current is woven a heavy matting of willows. This matting is sunk by heavy rocks being dumped on it. About 500 feet of the work is now complete with the exception of sinking the matting. The entire structure will be 1500 feet in length and will extend nearly to the middle of the main channel. The piles vary in length from 25 to 62 feet. These are of pine and come from the southern states. The greatest difficulty Mr. Farney is experiencing is in regard to getting these. The crippled condition of most of the southern railroads makes the shipping slow.

Willows are gathered on the island northwest of town, placed on barges and towed to the dike by the steamboat. Rock is delivered by the Missouri Pacific to the river edge and towed across.

The work is being done in the best way and will be of great value to both sides of the stream.

Howard Payne vs. Central.

This afternoon there will be a basket ball game on the Central college court between Howard Payne college of Fayette and Central College for Women of this city. The game will be open to the GENERAL PUBLIC and the price of admission will be 25 cent to any seat or standing room. The Central team demonstrated its ability by its defeat of Lexington college Tuesday and will try hard to take the big end of the score today.

The game will be called at 4 p. m.

The ladies of the Lexington college faculty will be at home from three to five the first Thursday of each month.

J. R. Moorehead was in Kansas City Thursday.

Herman Hartwig spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Miss Annie Kampmeyer of Higginsville spent Sunday in Lexington with Miss Josie Teubner.

Mike Engelhard and Ernest Hoffman were in Sedalia Sunday. C. P. Barry spent Sunday in Kansas City.